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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 250696 SENT KHARTOUM, ROME, INFO ADDIS
ABABA, CAIRO, OCT 22:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 250696

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR

REF: KHARTOUM 2453

1. FOR KHARTOUM: RE PARA 2 REFTL, WE FEEL SOME CONCERN
THAT IF ITALIAN EMBASSY WERE TO PASS ON LITERALLY TO
GHEBRESELLASSIE STATEMENT THAT US REP WILL ONLY BE PREPARED
TO MEET WITH HIM TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF THE PROMPT AND
UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES, THIS MIGHT DISCOUR-
AGE GHEBRESELLASSIE FROM PROCEEDING WITH MEETING. PER PARA
2 OF STATE 240695, US REP WILL BE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO
WHAT ELF GROUP HAS TO SAY AND WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF STATE
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MENTS TO MAKE HIMSELF. ITALIAN EMBASSY MIGHT USEFULLY

INFORM GHEBRESELLASSIE THAT USG HAS INDICATED TO GOI NO MORE THAN THAT IT IS PREPARED TO HAVE A USG REP MEET WITH ELF. SINCE WE WISH DIRECT CONTACT WITH THOSE HOLDING KAGNEW 2 AND CISCO 2 TO BE INITIATED, WE WOULD NOT WISH ITALIAN COMMENT TO GO BEYOND THIS.

2. FOR ROME: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH GOI AS REVOMMENDED IN PARA 3 REFTTEL, MAKING SURE THAT GOI UNDERSTANDS THAT US EMBASSY KHARTOUM IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT THE SEALED ENVELOPE FOR TRANSMISSION TO GHEBRESELLASSIE AND

WHY (STATE 249550), AND EMPHASIZING OUR HOPE THAT GOI WILL BE PREPARED TO ASK ITS EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM TO DELIVER THE LETTER TO GHEBRESELLASSIE. INGERSOLL
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